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LETTERBOX

Happiest days of your life

Looking back on my school-days I fondly remember the carefree life I lead, and the naive optimism that all young children shared. I also seem to recall that the female P.E. teachers were always lesbians.

Mr F. Hunt
Colchester

"Do you have lasting memories of your school-days? Choking on your first cigarette behind the bike sheds, having your teeth kicked out by the school bully, or improper sexual advances made to you by members of the teaching staff. If so, why not share them with us. Write to Letterbox, and remember to mark your envelope 'School Memories'."

I have a simple remedy to the problem of our overcrowded motorways. Why not allow people in the upper tax bracket only to drive in the outside lane. And during the rush hour drivers who's cars are more than five years old would have to pull in onto the hard shoulder. The problem of congestion would be cured at a single stroke.

H. Balderston-Smythe
Newmarket

Mix up between two Noels

Last Saturday I waited with excitement for the new TV programme 'Noel's House Party' to begin. Imagine my disappointment to find that the show was presented by Noel Edmunds, not Noel Burke, lead singer of the re-formed 'Echo and the Bunnymen'. I wish the BBC would be more specific in future.

I. McGregor
Liverpool



On the subject of people in washing machines, (Mrs D. Ranged's letter, Viz 51), it came as a great relief to know that other people share the same problem. My husband has also become trapped in a Hotpoint washing machine as a result of watching the 'Watchdog' TV programme, and interferes with my housework by playing the guitar loudly all day. Have any other readers had similar problems with this model?

V. Sarson (Mrs)
Caterham



"Has anyone else taken a photo of their husband with his head sticking out of a washing machine, holding a guitar? If so, send them to our usual address. We'll pay £5 for everyone we publish, except the two we've already used."

Now that they've got rid of the Poll Tax, isn't it about time the Government got rid of this ridiculous so-called 'decimalised currency'. Surely after twenty years of monetary mayhem the people at the Treasury must realise it simply isn't going to work.

Mr Major would earn the respect of a great many people if he backed down gracefully, and brought back the old money.

Mrs U. Hurst
Dewhurst

**It's the page YOU write,
apart from the bits we make up**

It is a little known fact, that by law, motorists may only go around roundabouts three times before taking an exit. Would it not be an idea to solve the problem of youth unemployment by making youngsters sit on roundabouts and look out for anyone violating this rule. If, say, four youths were posted on every roundabout in the country, unemployment could be eliminated at a stroke.

H. Balderston-Smythe
Newmarket

Keep fat campaign

As a fat person who eats lardy food all day while sitting watching television, I find it most encouraging that 'keep-fit' athletics commentator Ron Pickering is dead, while Cyril Smith is alive. So much for so-called 'healthy lifestyles'.

F. Styles
Preston

Carrot top's comic upset

My brother, who has ginger hair, is a big fan of your comic. However he was extremely upset after reading the cruel and hurtful things you said about ginger people. As a result neither of us will be buying your magazine again.

M. Pitt
Gloucester

I am the Headmaster of Cambridge University and I am therefore very intelligent and I would like to congratulate Viz readers on the compassionate, erudite and constructive way in which the Letterbox debate on ginger hair has been conducted. It is of course a scientific fact that ginger haired people are less intelligent than the rest of us, and I would therefore ignore totally any hollow and childish criticisms levelled by them at your magazine.

The Headmaster
Cambridge University



NOW is the time to freeze petrol and store it in the ice tray of your fridge. Come summer these handy 'petrol cubes' will help cool your engine as you drive along.

B. Baxter
Potters Bar

GARDENERS. Save yourself the trouble of re-potting plants by planting them in a big enough pot in the first place.

P. Mandeville
Marlborough

MAKE firefighters by steeping white nougat overnight in petrol.

B. Baxter
Potters Bar

TV VIEWERS. Avoid the frustration of losing your remote control unit by keeping it in a 'cowboy' style holster fashioned out of a child's sock and an old belt.

Mike Thornton
Jesmond

CREATE a perfect pond for small gardens by burying an old saucepan and filling it with water. Add an up-turned soda siphon and hey presto - an ornamental fountain.

G. Wilmot
Edmundbuyers

CREATE your own 'boil in the bag' cod in parsley sauce by scraping the breadcrumbs off a fish finger and placing it inside a used condom.

E. Evans
Evesham

SMOKERS. Wear a golf visor between your nose and top lip to keep your cigarette dry in the shower.

D. Quigley
Rotherham

By continually knocking teachers, you only make yourselves look stupid and uninformed. A recent letter implied that teachers were overpaid. Well I am a teacher, and have been for twenty-five years, and I can assure you that it is *not* possible to survive on a teacher's wage. Fortunately, teacher's hours are so short I am able to hold down another full-time job - working in an office.

K. Smith
Bolton



A schoolteacher yesterday

It seems ridiculous to waste the police's time by expecting them to catch speeding motorists. I'm sure they have far better things to do. Why not replace traffic police with a simple 'honesty box' situated on every car's

dashboard. Motorists could then pay 10p every time they exceed the speed limit, and a pound if they do more than 100 miles per hour. The system could also be used to penalise slower drivers who get in other people's way. They could pay an extra 50p every time they are overtaken.

H. Balderston-Smythe
Newmarket

I'm not one to gossip

I'm not one to gossip, but my next door neighbour has ginger hair, and he's just been convicted of driving without due care and attention.

Mrs S. Varson
Surrey

They say crime doesn't pay. Well I wouldn't know. At the minute I've been locked up for something I didn't do. But it's Sod's Law really. They never caught me on the five occasions when I did actually do something.

KV0795 Timlett
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P.S. Does anyone want to write to me?

BRITAIN'S BARBERS FACE THE CHOP

Britain's much heralded entry into Europe in 1992 has spelled disaster for the British barber. For Euro hair trends have led to a dramatic drop in business.

OUT Have gone the traditional short back and sides, pudding bowl and basin cuts - the staple business of the British barber.

IN has come the Euro hair do - long, girly hair, with a little beard, and leather pants (like Bjorn out of Abba).

LOCKS

And the new craze for lengthier locks has meant a lot less business for hairdressers.

- **SNIP!** Visits to the hairdressers are down by over 50 per cent on 1991 figures.
- **SNIP!** A lot less hair is being cut off, with the length of haircuts down by a staggering 75 per cent.
- **SNIP!** Four out of ten High Street barbers shops will go bust by the end of the year.



A typical 'European' haircut (above) which is bad news for barbers like this one (below).



TOE PATHS

As one barber told us, things are desperate. "I've never known things this bad in all the years I've been a barber. People simply aren't coming in, and if they do they only want a few pence worth of hair cutting off."

But while the European look reeks havoc for gents' hairdressers, ladies' stylists are doing big business. For the trendy continental cut for girls is the short, 'lesbian' style haircut, and cash registers are ringing in ladies' salons throughout the UK.

SMUGGLE whisky out of the house by pouring it down the sink and collecting it in a saucepan under the drainpipe.

Steven Pearlman
Soaphish

DON'T throw out left over chips. Leave them in a shoebox in the freezer, and three months later heat them up in the microwave. Hey presto - exciting American French fries!

Mrs Daisy Pengelly
Redruth

LEAVE your lights on whenever you park your car in a large car park. If you are unable to find it when you return, simply go away again and come back when it has got dark.

M. Ross
Stockwell

DON'T buy expensive 'ribbed' condoms. Just use an ordinary one, and slip a handful of frozen peas inside before putting it on.

D. Duckham
Didford

MIX petrol with stuffing and roll it in the palm of your hands to make handy sized 'petrol balls'.

B. Baxter
Potters Bar

WHEN carrying a cup of tea from one room to another always add a desert spoon of cornflour. This will thicken it up and prevent it from spilling on the carpet.

Mrs E. Davis
Blackpool

HOUSE guests will think your fingernails grow very quickly if you cut up a table tennis ball, and scatter small pieces around your bathroom sink every morning.

F. Foster
Froddingham

MOTORISTS. When parking in car parks always carry a spare battery in the boot in case your other one has gone flat by the time you return to the car.

M. Ross
Stockwell

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WIGWAM BAN

The Queen is on the warpath over plans for a new home being built by Prince Charles in the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

Big Chief Big Ears has gone little plum crazy - and come up with a scheme to build an Indian teepee for himself and his squaw Princess Diana.

FURIOUS

And disgruntled Di is believed to be furious about plans to move her into a tent. Eccentric Charles has always been a big fan of North American red indian culture. But now pale faces at the Palace are seeing red at the redskin Royal's outrageous antics. For the Queen fears that if the building goes ahead, Charles will end up dancing around totem poles in full public view, wearing a red indian outfit.

Already the dotty heir has embarrassed fellow Royals by:

- * **INTRODUCING** buffalo into St. James Park.
- * **TURNING** up for official engagements carrying a tomahawk, and wearing a full red indian headdress and warpaint.
- * **ATTEMPTING** to scalp the King of Norway during an official reception at the Palace.
- * **PERFORMING** a rain dance at a Royal garden party, causing the Queen Mother and hundreds of guests to be drenched in the resulting downpour.

Queen has reservations over heap daft plan

But the final straw came when the Queen caught Charles trying to trade the Crown Jewels for a bottle of whisky, two rifles and a top hat.

SIGNALS

Smoke signals from the Palace indicate that following a recent pow wow the Queen issued an ultimatum to her



An artist's impression of Charles on the warpath.

raving redskin son. As one insider put it, she told him, "Either stop acting like an indian, or I won't let you be the King". For Charles may be heir to the throne, but the Queen can, at her discretion, give someone else the job if she believes her son is losing his Royal marbles.

IF REDSKIN CHARLIE GETS THE CHOP, WHO'LL FILL HIS MOCCASINS?

Now that Prince Charles has become a red indian, who would **YOU** like to be the next King or Queen of England?

Why not select your choice from the following list of Regal possibilities. Then, as usual, fill in the coupon and send it to the Queen. Your votes will help her make the final decision - a decision which only she - as the Queen of England - can make.

CHOICE

When making your choice it is important to bear in mind that our future King or Queen must:

- * Know which knife and fork to use at a posh do.
- * Be able to smile and wave for long periods of time.
- * Get on well with old folks and vicars.
- * Look good on stamps and money.

Here's a few suggestions to set you thinking. Who would you choose?

BOBBY CHARLTON

With 104 caps for England, top scorer Bobby certainly has good qualifications. 1966 World Cup winner Bobby would make a great ambassador for his country, for unlike certain other former England footballers Bobby has never brought disgrace on his country with allegations of stealing cheap jewellery or shagging someone else's wife in the back of a car.

Pros: World famous celebrity, impeccable reputation, the gentleman of soccer.

Cons: No hair, northern accent, rude brother.

CLIFF RICHARD

The ageless Peter Pan of Pop has represented his country three times in the Eurovision Song Contest - and lost three

times. But Cliff's clean-cut image would be ideal, and his strong Christian faith would stand him in good stead - for if Cliff got the job, King Cliff would be head of the Church of England. But at 56, there must be question marks as to whether Cliff has the means - or the inclination to father a successor.

Pros: Likeable, popular with all age groups, has religion.

Cons: Shadowy past, bachelor boy, starting to look a bit leathery.

ESTHER RANTZEN

Her tireless charity work has made her one of Britain's best loved, big-toothed TV presenters, along with Ken Dodd, Derek Jameson and Janet Street-Porter. Do-gooder Esther is already the consumer Queen of the box, and her Heart of Gold would provide a valuable addition to the Crown Jewels.

Pros: Horsey teeth, posh frocks. Looks the part.

Cons: Obsession with vegetables that look like cocks, and dogs that say "sausages".



JIMMY SAVILLE

One of the Queens closest pals, she knighted him for his remarkable long running Sunday lunchtime radio show. Famous for his work behind the scenes at Britain's hospitals, and wearing jewellery, and smoking cigars. So owz about you the guys 'n' gals out there, fixing it for Uncle Jim, to be the King. Goodness gracious. Would you believe it. Aughee-aughee-augh!

Pros: Knight, has own jewellery and Rolls Royces (six).

Cons: Wears gold track suits, runs everywhere.

Cut along dotted line

To: The Queen, Buckingham

Dear Queen,
I am very sorry to hear about
is a red indian but anyway, no

sho

* Delete as applicable



The prospect of an Indian chief for King is something the Queen would rather not consider. For if Charles has his way he will probably rule Britain from a wig wam, ride around on a horse (with no saddle) and ambush stage-coaches, while Queen Di would be left carrying her kids around in a papoose. Royal advisors fear such behaviour would be undignified, and would serve only as ammunition for the anti-monarchy lobby, headed by the late Willie Hamilton MP, who is dead.



BABS WINDSOR

Busty Babs would look a picture bursting out of her bra on banknotes - phooah! And fella would queue all day at the Post Office (as indeed they already do) to lick her - on stamps. The curvaceous Carry-On Queen wouldn't have far to travel to the Palace - she's a cockney, born and bred. But with a shady ex-husband on the Costa Crime, would the Crown Jewels be safe in her hands?

Pros: Right surname, bubbly personality, big knockers.
Cons: Cockney accent, knockers might pop out during Royal garden parties.

Palace, London.

Prince Charles thinking he w that he does I think that
ld be King/Queen* instead.

Signed _____

MICKEY MOUSE BOUND FOR MIDLANDS TIPTONDISNEY!

Mickey Mouse millionaire Walt Disney is planning a new multi-million dollar theme park. But it's not going to be built in Tokyo, Texas or Turin. It will be in Tipton, in the West Midlands.

So says property developer Hugo Guthrie. He claims that plans are already well advanced for the breathtaking development - set to be Disney's biggest yet.

WONDERLAND

The 2,000 acre kiddies wonderland will include the world's biggest roller coaster - longer than the London underground and taller than the Post Office tower. There will also be a fairytale castle with fireworks going off behind it, and thousands of real-life Disney favourites including Mickey Mouse, Bugs Bunny, Postman Pat and The Wombles.

ROUNABOUT

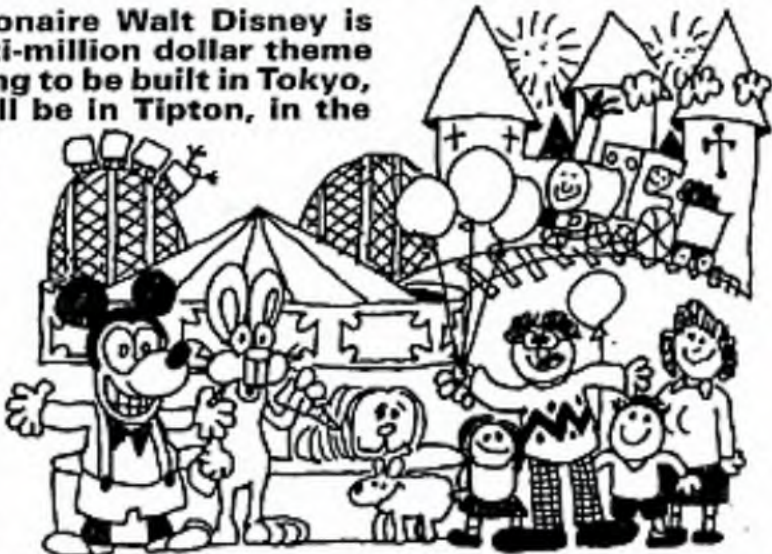
"There will also be a full-size Magic Roundabout, featuring Zebedee, Brian the snail and Mr McGregor, and a Thomas the Tank Engine railway where kiddies can ride on Ivor the Engine and his friends", said Mr. Guthrie, who dreamt up the scheme. And he is convinced that the prestige amusement park will be a big boost for the Tipton area.

CROSSROADS

"Tiptondisney will mean big business for the West Midlands, with millions of tourists flocking to see it. We have first class international travel links through Birmingham International airport and now the Channel Tunnel, and we must take full advantage of these", he said.

YELLOW BOX JUNCTION

According to Mr Guthrie the project will need investment from local businesses to get it off the ground, and he is looking to the Recreation and Leisure Committee of Tipton Town Council to set the ball rolling. "With an initial investment of £300 I could draw up the plans and hire a cement mixer to start preparing the



An artist's impression of the fun park of the future - 'Tiptondisney', drawn by Mr Guthrie's wife, Vera.

site. My brother-in-law is a builder, and once we got started it wouldn't be long before Disney engineers could come in and build Tiptondisney."

GOOD NEWS

So far negotiations between Mr. Guthrie and the Disney Corporation have been restricted to one letter. "I wrote to Walt Disney last year explaining my plans but so far he's not replied. But no news is good news."

BLACK MAGIC

I imagine he's waiting for Tipton Town Council to make the first move before replying, so the ball is in their court. If they give me the £300 it will prove to Mr. Disney that Tipton means business. I just wish they'd put their money where their



Hugo Guthrie - the visionary behind 'Tiptondisney'

mouth is, and Tiptondisney could be open by this time next year."

DAIRY BOX

We rang Disney studios in America and asked to speak to Walt Disney, but a receptionist told us that he was unavailable for comment, having been kept in a fridge since dying of lung cancer in 1967.



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LIKE VERN

FAR OUT!

MADE MY PROBAB
SPACE OYLIENS THEY BE.
'EM COME OUT THE SKY
IN A BIG FLOYIN' SAMMAJOR
THEY DID.

CRAZY

YEAH

IT'S FOUR TO GET IN THE FIELD.
CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE 'EE TWO
HANDS AAL OVER WHAT'S LEFT O'
MUD BAAAAARLEY CAN OIF.

HEAVY.

I'MS FOUR POUNDS EACH.

DAVE COVERLY

HEY WON-IT'S LIKE A MESSAGE FROM A SUPERIOR ALIEN INTELLIGENCE A CIRCLE OF FLAT COIN.

INCREDIBLE!

YES, THESE TRACTOR WHEEL TRACKS MUST BE KEY LINES.

THIS PLACE IS FAR OUT. YOU CAN FEEL PRIMITIVE FORCES AT WORK.

YEAH, THERE'S DEFINITELY A POSITIVE PRESENCE OF SOME SORT.

OH! WHAT DO 'EE THINK 'YOUN DORN' IN MY FIELD?

EH?

HIS NAME MOY FAAAAAR!
AND EE LOOKS IF O' CAME
'Y WANKED ALL-OVER YOURN
'Y GUSARDEN?

!!!!

BUT YOU SAID
IT WAS ALLOWED...

DON'T YOU THINK
BURN OF YOURS FAARANCY!

BOOK LEARNIN' WORDS
ON ME, BOOBY.

GO ON - GET OFF
MY LAARRRRAND.

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT.
CUTIE ON MALLCOIN.

BY DAVE COVERLY

A cartoon illustration of a man in overalls shooting a gun, with a speech bubble saying "BANG!" and another saying "NOISE SHOOTIN' ZUWN."

OH, LORDY, IT'S...
THE
FAT
SLAGS









20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT SHOES

An attractive shoe model displays the very latest fashion in footwear - shoes.



Fred Astaire danced in them, footballers score goals with them. Everybody wears them, from the Queen all the way down to Jeremy Beadle. Yes, love them or hate them SHOES are here to stay.

But how many facts do you know about footwear? Here are twenty things you probably never knew about the shoe.

1 There's nothing new about the shoe. They've been around for a lot longer than you'd think. In cave men days dinosaur skin shoes - with flint soles - were all the rage. Stone age cobblers would charge around 6 dinosaur teeth (about £22.99 in today's money) for a pair, complete with thick black curly laces - made out of mammoth pubes.

2 Say "shoe" to a dog and it won't scurry off to fetch your footwear. It will simply run away. That's because the word "shoe" in dog language means "clear off".

3 However, if you say "fetch" to the same dog, after it's come back, it may then go off and get your slippers - special soft indoor shoes made out of cheeky cloth.

4 If you find a shoe tree in your garden, don't climb up it hoping to pick shoes. For a shoe tree isn't a tree at all. We think it's something to do with shoes that you sometimes find in the bottom of wardrobes - possibly for putting inside shoes. A bit like a mug tree, but for shoes, not mugs.



A normal tree yesterday

5 However, some shoes do grow on trees. For in Holland drug-crazed Netherlanders hobble about their windmills in clumsy wooden 'clogs'. These traditional, impractical and uncomfortable shoes were

originally worn to protect Dutch feet from flooding dykes, and have since been adopted as part of the national costume.

6 The smallest shoes ever made were a pair of clogs presented by King Van der Vaalk VI of Netherland to the world's smallest man, Calvin Phillips of Bridgewater, USA. The tiny shoes, an incredible size .00008 (European size 41) were carved from the two halves of a single salted peanut. However, Dutch micro-cobblers over did it - and the clogs were fractionally too small for 8 inch tall Phillips, who complained that they nipped his toes. Ironically, Phillips died shortly afterwards, and was buried - in a shoebox!

7 Nowadays shoes are made from many different materials. For example, Cinderella, in the pantomime of the same name, went to the ball wearing glass slippers.

8 And in the nursery rhyme of the same name, an old lady who lived in a shoe had so many children she didn't know what to do.

9 So she gave them some broth without any bread.

10 And spanked them all soundly and sent them to bed. The rotten cow.

11 Ask a musician if he plays the shoe horn and the chances are he'll give you a blank stare. That's because a shoe horn is, in fact, a machine, often found in hotel corridors, to enable you to put your shoes on quickly.

12 Buy a pair of shoes nowadays and you can bet that an embarrassed spotty teenage shop assistant will half-heartedly try to sell you some cheap shoe polish. That's because shoe shop managers only pay their staff

25p an hour, and then offer them a commission on sales of crap shoe polish.

13 The world's best-selling shoe has sold over 100 million pairs since it was invented by a Victorian chiropodist in 1887. Dr Jeremiah Marten noticed the barefoot street urchins in his home town of Northampton developed sore toes from kicking each other in the head. So he set about inventing his patented leather 'aggro boot', and the Doctor Marten was born.



Dr Jeremiah Marten - 'aggro boot'

14 At about the same time in Sweden Dr Jerger Schol, a humble carpenter, made his wife a pair of dangerous and uncomfortable flat shoes or 'sandals' by nailing the cuffs from an old shirt onto two short lengths of splintered floor-board. His popular sandals are still worn today by librarians and medical receptionists, and can be bought at car boot sales for around 10p.

15 Dr Hugo White did not invent any shoes. He invented jam rags.

16 There are many kinds of boots. Walking boots, climbing boots, football

boots, cowboy boots and Boots the Chemists, a large pharmaceutical manufacturer and retailer based in Nottingham.

17 There are also car boots, but if you try one on for size you'll probably find that it's a little roomy. That's because a car boot is the space at the back of your car where you put your suitcases.

18 But don't turn up at a car boot sale expecting to buy a new boot for your car. Car boot sales are special sales held in car parks where you can buy a 1970's lava lamp - guaranteed to blow up and burn your house down - for only 75p. (But they'll take fifty. Oh, go on then. Twenty-five).

19 They say that horse shoes bring good luck. But horses themselves would probably disagree. That's because a horse shoe is just a great big Blakey's seg nailed onto the horses toes.



A horse three weeks ago

20 They also say that an army marches on its stomach, but any soldier will tell you that's nonsense. For they march in Wellington boots, so named after the Grand Old Duke of York who invented the Cardigan Jumper at the Battle of Balaclava in 1866, etc. etc. etc.

I AM SERIOUS, AND DON'T CALL ME SHIRLEY.

A SCENE FROM • AIRPLANE. ONE OF OUR COMEDY CLASSIC FILMS.

Cut to . . .

Interior, Flight Cockpit of Large Passenger Plane. Night.

The flight cockpit door opens. STRYKER enters and realises all the flight crew are missing.

STRYKER:

The stewardess said . . .
(shocked) Both Pilots!

Another figure, the DOCTOR steps into view.

DOCTOR:

Can you fly this plane
and land it?

STRYKER:

Surely, you can't be
serious?

DOCTOR:

I am serious . . . and
don't call me Shirley.

A stewardess enters the flight
cabin.

STEWARDESS:

Doctor, I've checked
out everyone. Mr. Stryker's the only one.

DOCTOR:

What flying experience have you had?

STRYKER:

I flew single engine fighters in the
airforce, but this plane has four engines.
It's an entirely different kind of flying
. . . altogether.

DOCTOR and

STEWARDESS (together):

It's an entirely different
kind of flying.

STRYKER:

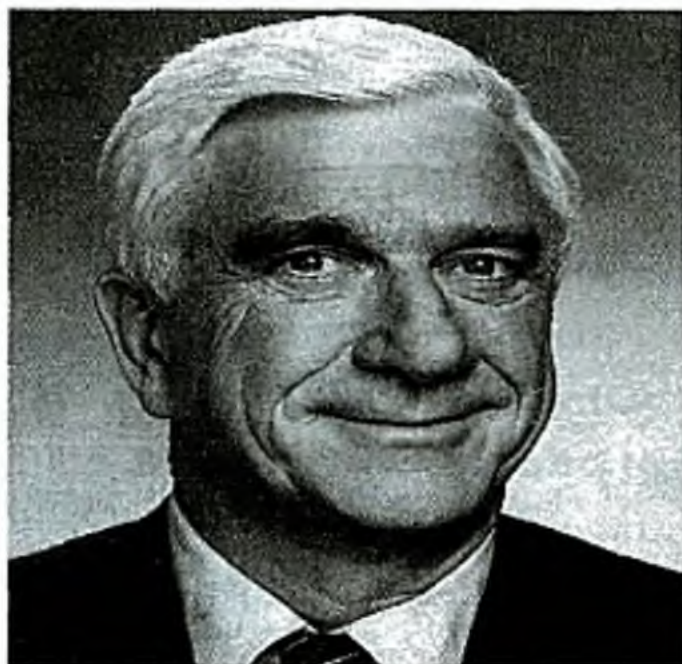
Besides, I haven't
touched any kind of
plane in six years.

DOCTOR:

Mr. Stryker, I know
nothing about flying,
but there's one thing
I do know . . . you're
the only one on this
plane who can
possibly fly it. You're
the only chance we've
got.

Dramatic music swells as
STRYKER nervously confronts the flight deck
controls. The camera pans across banks of dials,
controls and flashing lights. The controls seem to
go on forever.

Cut to . . .



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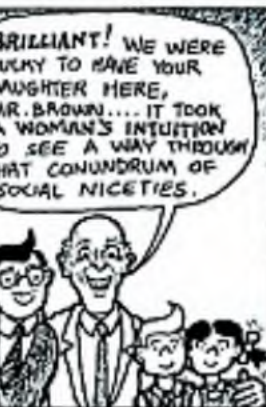
THE CONFERENCE KIDS

JACK AND SUSAN BROWN WERE SURELY THE LUCKIEST CHILDREN IN THE WORLD. FOR, INSTEAD OF GOING TO SCHOOL, THEY TRAVELLED THE COUNTRY WITH THEIR DAD, WHO HAD THE EXCITING JOB OF BEING ONE OF ENGLAND'S TOP CONFERENCE PREPARATION ADVISORS.....

WHAT'S THE ASSIGNMENT TODAY, DAD?

WELL, JACK, I'M HAVING A LOOK AT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF U.K. WINDSCREEN WIPER MANUFACTURERS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WHICH IS BEING HELD THIS YEAR IN SWINDON.

GOSH!



Meet Britain's only real life

GHOSTBUSTER!

Most people wouldn't dream of spending the night in a haunted house. But Bob Smithers does it all the time. In fact, he does it for a living!

Bob is Britain's only full-time ghostbuster, and rather than running away from them, he's been chasing ghoulish guests out of haunted houses for the last twenty years.

ICE CREAM

Bob, who is 42, began his unusual career purely by accident. An ice cream man by trade, late one evening he stopped his van to sell an ice cream to a young soldier standing at the roadside.

"He was a young man - about 18, and he asked me for a '99' with raspberry sauce on it", Bob clearly recalls. "I went to put the ice cream in the cone, but when I turned back he had vanished".

SOLDIER

"A few days later I spotted a newspaper and on the front was a picture of the soldier. It said he had been killed in the war - thirty years earlier. I immediately drove back along the road to the spot where he had been standing, and sure enough, he still wasn't there".

BLUE

From that moment on Bob was hooked, and he has been ghost hunting ever since. Advertising mainly in post office windows, he is on 24-hour call to come and deal with ghosts all over the country.

Ghostly find - the soldier's head that Bob found on a bus stop.



EXCLUSIVE

"Most of my calls come late at night", he told us "as ghosts are at their busiest in the dark. But contrary to popular belief, real life ghost hunting can be a pretty boring business. People tend to imagine ghosts walking through walls, carrying their head under one arm, or dragging chains around behind them. But it's nothing like that.

DARK

Nine times out of ten you don't even see the ghost - a lot of them are invisible nowadays. And most of the ghosts I do see are just sort of green clouds of energy that float about and shine in the dark. In fact you can get a nasty shock if you touch one of those".

STAR

Hollywood movie makers paint a more exciting picture of the supernatural. And ironically, it's Bob they usually come to for advice. "One day they came to me with the script for the film *Poltergeist*. It was all about a ghost that lived in a house, and Tom Cruise was going to play it, wearing a blanket on his head. To make him sound a bit more scary they were going to make him talk through a plastic drainpipe. I told them to forget it - it simply wasn't scary enough.



A Hollywood actor similar to 'not scary' Tom Cruise.

The previous week I'd exercised a ghost that had been living in a cupboard, so I suggested that in the film the ghost should live in a cupboard or a telly or something. They thought it was a great idea, and the film went on to be a great hit. All thanks to my knowledge about ghosts.

UNUSUAL

"The most unusual place I ever had to exercise a ghost from was a bus stop. This particular bus stop had been haunted for many years by a headless soldier who every night used to sit and wait for the last bus. The drivers were so scared they refused to stop there, and as a result intending passengers had to walk to the next stop - several hundred yards away.

HOME

Anyway, there's always a reason for ghosts, so what I usually do is go to the library to do research and find out about them. Sure enough in an old newspaper I read about an accident at the very same bus stop over 100 years ago. A young soldier had been knocked over and killed running to catch the last bus home. His head had never been found.



Bob on his way to bust a ghost

That evening I sat at the bus stop, and sure enough I could feel a presence next to me. Then I got to thinking about the missing head. That was probably why the soldier's spirit was not at rest - because his head was missing.

PUPPETEER

I looked around for a few moments then thought to myself, 'I bet they never checked on top of the bus stop'. Sure enough, I climbed up and there it was - a dusty skull covered in cobwebs, and still wearing an army hat. It must have laid there for over 100 years. I took the skull to a nearby cemetery and buried it in a hole, then I said some prayers. As I prayed I could feel that soldier's presence. It was as if he was standing next to me, saying "Thank-you for burying my head".

INDUSTRY

Bob is loathe to divulge the secrets of his trade, although he admits that ghost busting today is a high tech industry.



'If you've got a ghost, I'm your man' says Bob

"I don't use any onions, or wooden steaks like they do in the movies", he laughed. "My main tool is my ghost-o-meter. You can't buy them in the shops - you have to make them yourself. You've got to be a bit of an engineer in this game, I can tell you."

TRANSPORT

Bob described his ghost-o-meter as a cross between a torch and a walking stick, with a coat hanger on the end, and he uses it to detect ghosts. "It only works in the dark", he told us "and it takes six batteries - which don't usually last very long", he added.

EDUCATION

Indeed ghost busting is an expensive business. The high powered batteries cost almost £3 for a pack of six, and on top of that Bob has his petrol to pay for. "The cost of my petrol varies from job to job, depending on how far I have to travel to get there", said Bob, who drives a scooter. "Motorised transport is essential, as I get calls from all over the country, and you can't always get a bus, especially at weekends".

SOCIAL SECURITY

Despite thousands of nights spent in haunted houses, castles and mansions, Bob insists that he's never once been scared. But there have been occasions when he's given one or two other people a fright.

"I'll never forget the time I was looking for a ghost in a church graveyard. It was really spooky, with bats everywhere, and it was a full moon. It was Christmas Eve

so I'd had a few drinks, and before I knew it I'd nodded off to sleep. While I was asleep I must have rolled over and fallen into a freshly dug grave, because when I awoke I'd been buried - the grave digger had filled it in!

SERVICE

So anyway, there was me digging away trying to get out of this grave. Meanwhile the Christmas morning church service had just ended and all the congregation we're coming out - just in time to see yours truly appear from out of the grave!

M.O.T.

I was all covered in soil, I had a nosebleed and the worms had ate my clothes so I looked just like a zombie! You should have seen their faces! Did they shit themselves or what?!

Next week: How Bob was seduced by teenage lesbian vampires - with pictures.

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STARS ON MARS

Many of today's top stars share an unusual ambition - to fly to Mars on a space ship.

For as science edges man ever closer to the mysterious red planet, the possibility of commercial space flights to the planet Mars looms larger.

SHUTTLE

Indeed, many space experts believe a regular shuttle service could come into effect within a few years or so.

RACQUET

In America, speculative travel agents are cashing in early, and are already taking bookings for the space journey of a lifetime. But would-be space travellers are warned - prices look set to rocket beyond the budget of most holiday makers. For a single return journey could cost as much as a million pounds. And with prices like that, it is only the rich and famous who are buying.

BAT

Already booked up are many of the biggest names in Hollywood, among them Jack Nicholson, Dustin Hoffman, Gregory Peck and Julie Andrews. And other stars set to scramble for stand-by tickets include Michelle Pfeiffer, Bruce Springsteen and Barry Manilow.

SPIDER

Indeed, Manilow, America's richest man, has already commissioned the first holiday home in space. Top scientists are studying his plans for a 12 bedroom mansion on Mars, and providing technical problems can be overcome, building work will begin by the end of the year.

SUPER

Many disappointed stars have been turned away from travel agents, and are trying to obtain tickets on the black market. Hollywood touts are rumoured to be charging over £50 million for a third class single ticket - and stars like Burt Reynolds are snapping them up. For tough guy Burt was originally refused a ticket by travel agents who feared that his wig would come off in space.

GREEN CROSS

One lucky celebrity who will not be paying over the odds

Celebrities queue for journey into space



Gregory Peck and Charlton Heston (above) prepare for a trip to Mars under test conditions at N.A.S.A.'s Kennedy Space Centre. (Below) Burt Reynolds - wig worry.



for his journey to Mars is Star Trek actor James Kirk. Travel officials have offered him a FREE return journey to Mars as guest of honour, and Kirk will ceremonially launch the first flight by pressing the start button on the space ship's flight deck.

MORSE

British stars have given a cool reception to news of possible space flights, with only a handful of enquiries being received from this side of the Atlantic. However, singer Tom Jones may well pip the Americans in the celebrity space race. For Welshman Tom has ploughed profits from his singing career into his own space ship, which he hopes to launch this spring. "It's more of a hobby than anything else", modest Tom told us. "I'll be happy if I can get as far as the moon".

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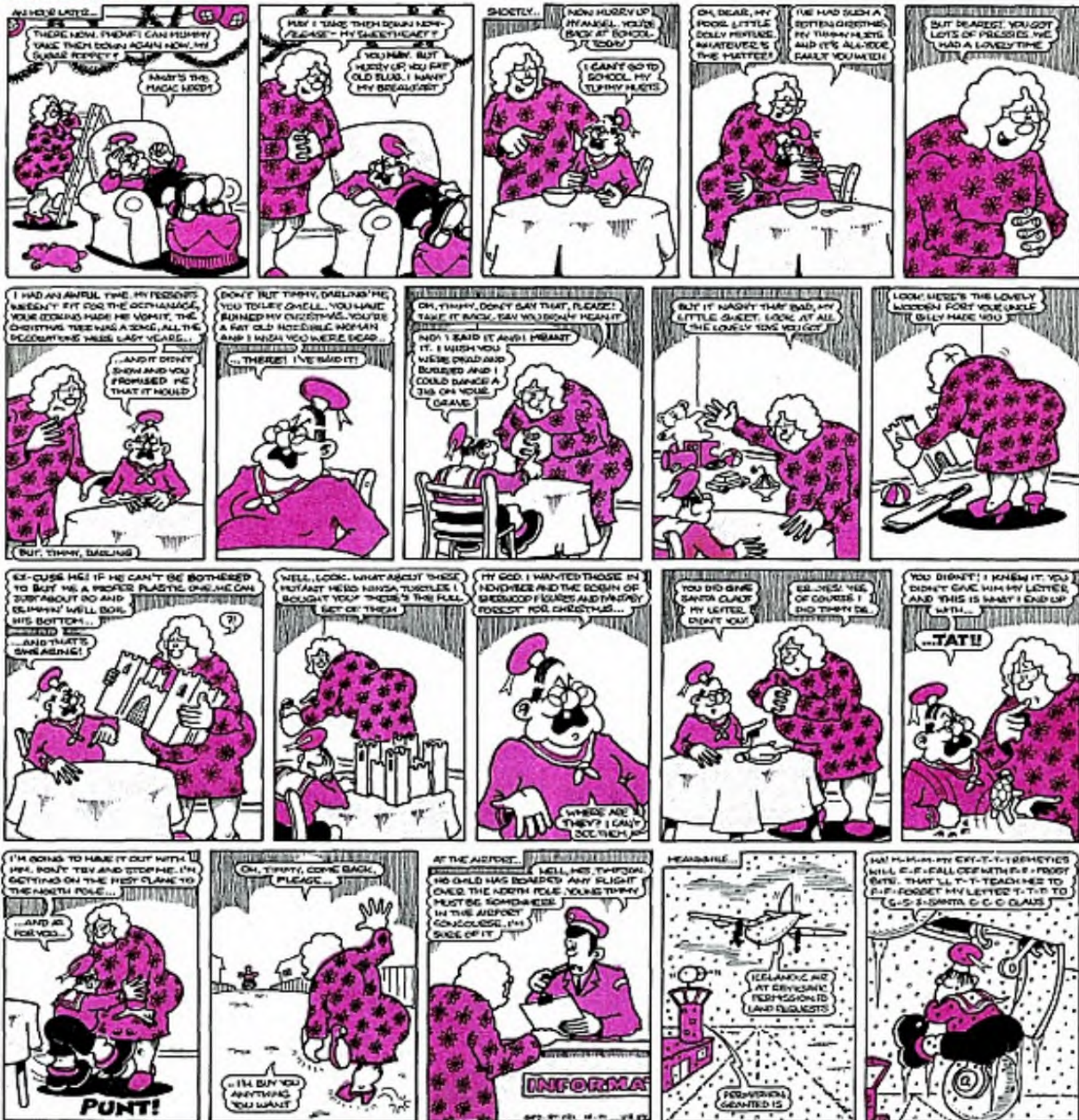
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SPILT BASTARD





TV SEX SET TO BOOM

Eurocrats say British aren't getting enough

British telly viewers are bottom of the Euro TV sex league, according to officials in Brussels.

Our four major TV channels simply aren't putting enough sex on screen. And EEC bosses in Brussels are set to demand that BBC, ITV and Channel 4 chiefs increase our quota of 'X' certificate action in order to bring us in line with other member nations.

RANDY

Top in the television sex stakes come the randy Italians with their porny politicians and daytime strip shows. And coming a close second are the frisky frogs, who enjoy saucy soap ads and sizzling arty films.

But backward Britain has no nudity before nine, and only occasional glimpses of sex are seen in the odd play by Dennis Potter.

BREASTS

But new rules being drafted in Brussels are set to change all that, with a new fixed Euro-quota of breasts, bottoms and simulated sex having to be broadcast every single night. Exciting changes could be in store for Britain's telly addicts, possibly including:

• TOPLESS TREATS

Among your favourite stars popping out each night could be the 'darling buds' of Catherine Zeta Jones as she frolics naked in the hay with screen husband Nicholas 'Rodney' Lyndhurst.



Darling Bud Catherine Zeta-Jones and screen hubby Pop 'Plonker' Larkin, alias actor David Jansen.

• SAUCIER SOAPS

Raunchy new plots will be written to include full sex between the stars. **Bett Lynch** will be bonking on the bar at the Rovers Return, and in *EastEnders*, viewers will gasp as **Arthur Fowler** goes all the way with wife **Pauline** - on the kitchen table.

PEEL

Stroppy slap head **Sinead O'Connor** will be Top of The Pops in 1992 - she'll be the biggest hit of the year if she pops 'em out and shakes 'em about to the sound of her latest record. Meanwhile temperatures will soar as weather girls, including **Trish Williamson**, peel off to reveal their pleasant outlook to boggle eyed viewers, reading the weather in saucy half cupped leather bras and revealing elasticated thongs.

PIPS

And wives wouldn't mind hubby tuning in to the football quite so much if **Jimmy Hill** analysed games in the altogether! If Jimmy's strapping chin is anything to go by, the girls would have plenty to get excited about as the game got underway.

SUPREMES

The BBC's news and current affairs programmes, renowned throughout the world for being dull and boring, would be revolutionised. 'Newsnight' would become *Nudesnight* as **Jeremy Paxman** and company replaced sober suits with birthday suits.

KIEVS

And instead of reviewing the morning papers at the end of each show, the programme would finish with a huge on-screen sex session. Guests, including Cabinet Ministers and top MPs such as **Norman Lamont**, **Kenneth Baker**, **Neil**



PHOAR! Fruity French sit back and enjoy saucy scenes like this every day, while....



WAHEY! Spanney Itles get a load of this lot - 24 hour tits on every TV screen.



ZZZZZ! Meanwhile in boring Britain viewers regularly fall asleep to scenes like this.

Kinnock and **Clare Short**, will all be encouraged to fondle their own sexual organs and explore each other's bodies, while the show's hosts perform simulated homosexual acts on a large pink waterbed. Or something like that.

TIKKAS

People we spoke to on the streets yesterday gave a big thumbs up to plans for sexier TV. "I think it will be great seeing everybody's tits on the telly", **Bob Smith** of **Fulchester** told us. However TV watchdogs including **Mary Whitehouse** need not worry. It won't be a question of 'anything goes'. Responsible TV chiefs will step in to draw the line. "It will still be a case of strictly no flapshots, popshots or panhandles", as one TV insider put it this afternoon.

EX-STING-CT

Pop star **Sting** is hoping to get across a serious message to fans.

And the message is "If dinosaurs aren't extinct already - and they very probably are - at the rate man is going they definitely will be soon".

DINOSAURS

Conservationist **Sting**, who's hits include 'My Bed's Too Big' and 'Walking on the Moon', admits that in all likelihood dinosaurs are already extinct. But he also concedes that there is a very slim chance examples of the prehistoric giants may still survive in remote corners of the Earth, as yet untouched by man.

AFRICA

"There might still be some left on a lost plateau or secret valley somewhere in Africa, or something", the millionaire singer and actor told us.



STING - Worried about dinosaurs

But the Newcastle born former milkman fears that if there are still any dinosaurs left (even though he knows there probably aren't) - but if there are, then they will soon be extinct.

EXTINCT

"If we continue to waste the planet Earth's resources the way we are doing today, then any dinosaurs that are left, will be extinct - probably by the year 2000", said the singer.

UNLIKELY

"I know its really, really unlikely that there are any left, but all I'm saying is that if there are - and just imagine if there were - then there definitely won't be, soon", he added.

Marooned ... on the

ISLAND OF LOVE

For two lonely souls cast adrift in the ocean of life, rescue was close at hand. For washed up on the virgin shores of a dreamy, romantic isle, the sun was about to set on their loneliness. For little did these youngsters know, the ship of love was on the horizon, and steaming in their direction at a rate of knots.

OH HECK!
A PUNCTURE

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YOU HAVING TROUBLE?

YES. FLAT TYRE I'M
AFRAID. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

OH, I'M JUST A
PEDESTRIAN

I'M AFRAID I KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT
PUNCTURE REPAIRS ...

BUT I'M SURE MY DAD
COULD FIX IT FOR
YOU. HE JUST LIVES
ACROSS THE ROAD

ONLY TROUBLE IS
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET
ACROSS IT, I'VE BEEN
STUCK HERE ALL DAY

IT CERTAINLY IS A
BUSY ROUNDABOUT

WELL I DON'T
FEEL LIKE RISKING
MY NECK RIGHT
NOW. I THINK I'LL
SIT DOWN AND REST
MY LEGS FOR A WHILE

GOOD IDEA. I CAN'T
SEE THERE BEING A BREAK
IN THIS TRAFFIC
FOR QUITE SOME TIME

The young castaways got talking

I'M HARRY
BY THE WAY

Hi! I'M SALLY

SO SALLY, WHAT
SORT OF MUSIC DO
YOU LISTEN TO THEN?

Time drifted by with still
no sign of a break in the traffic

WHAT DO YOU THINK
OF PHIL COLLINS?

OH HE'S GREAT!

YEAH? I LIKE
HIM TOO. HIS
NEW ALBUM'S BRILL!

CRUMBS! IS THAT
THE TIME? IT'S
ALMOST 5 O'CLOCK

YEAH? NO WONDER
I'M STARVING

ACTUALLY I'D JUST
BEEN TO THE SHOPS WHEN
I GOT STRANDED HERE...

BUT WITH THIS NEVER ENDING FLOW
OF TRAFFIC I'M BEGINNING
TO WONDER WHETHER WE'LL EVER
ESCAPE FROM THIS LONELY ISLAND

HERE, HAVE
A SANDWICH

OOH, CHICKEN -
MY FAVOURITE

Shortly...

THAT WAS
NICE...

BUT WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR
ONE OF MY MUM'S COOKED MEALS!
I MISS HOME. I REALLY DO...



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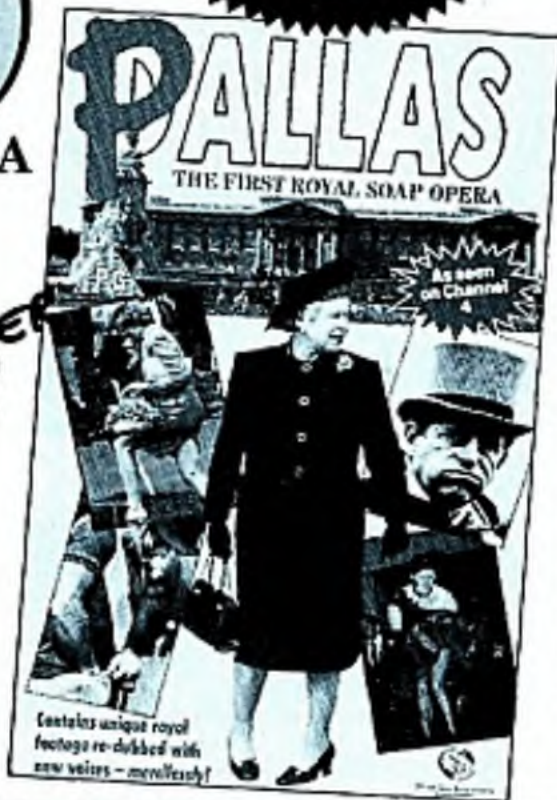
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BY THE POWERS VESTED IN ME BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT...

...I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE

WHO CARES! NOW THAT WE'RE TOGETHER LET US SPEND OUR HONEYMOON HERE...

UNFORTUNATELY ONE PROBLEM REMAINS...

I'M FRAID ALL THREE OF US ARE STUCK NOW!

...ON THE ISLAND OF LOVE!

Don't let our children look at little things!

A religious row may end in the closure of a secondary school in Yorkshire.

Parents at St. Oswald's school in Osset are keeping kids away as a result of a row over controversial Biology lessons.

BIOLOGY

The long running dispute centres around the use of microscopes and magnifying glasses in 'O' level Biology lessons. For 80 per cent of pupils at the school are Jehovah's Witnesses, and their parents claim it is against their religion to look at small things.

PHYSICS

Parents of Jehovah's Witness children have set up their own action committee to protest about the school's Biology syllabus, and they use quotes from the Bible to support their action.

WOODWORK

A spokesman for the group told us that the Bible was very clear on the issue of magnification. "It tells us 'And the Lord spoke unto Jehovah in a loud voice and said unto him. So shall ye not with a lens nor a glass look upon small things, nor things that are not big, neither shall ye peer unto those things closely. And yet shall ye only cast your eyes upon big things, and this shall ye do with only thine naked eye, eschewing lenses of all types, excepting only this: That ye may use a telescope, or binoculars, and these shall ye only use to look upon very big things - and things of great size - and even then shall ye not go above 40 times magnification. And this ye shall do unto the thousandth generation.'

DINNER TIME

Parents view Biology lessons in which pupils examine microscopic organisms a clear contravention of these religious beliefs. And extremists have even threatened to burn down the school's £200,000 science block if staff refuse to hand over the school's microscopes to be smashed.

DOUBLE GAMES

Parents of normal children are also keeping their kids

Get rid of microscopes plead bio-ban parents



away, claiming that Jehovah's Witnesses have gone too far. "It's becoming impossible for our kids to get a decent education under these conditions", one told us. "Last year they decided that spindles and pivot mechanisms were against their religion, and teachers were forced to get rid of all the scissors and pliers in the school."

Jehovah Witnessing is not strictly speaking a religion. Founded by Henry Fonda in 1952, the Jehovah's Witnesses were originally a book club. Each month, members would receive 3 books on approval.

BOOKS

They were under no obligation to buy, providing unwanted books were returned within 14 days. New members would receive 3 free books, a hat and a rainproof mac.

NEIGHBOURS

After Fonda left in 1967 to found the Mormon Tabernacle Church - a High Street printing franchise - Jehovah's Witnesses began to move into pyramid selling, with members offering expensive soap and washing-up liquid to neighbours at pre-arranged house parties.

HOME AND AWAY

Over the years the 'Jobos' have become renowned for not believing in things. Here are just a few of the things in which they do not believe.

St Oswald's school, Osset, scene of the parents 'Jobo' row.



Headmaster Percy Alderson fears gates at the school will close for good if the row is not settled soon. "Like any school we rely on dinner money to keep us going. And obviously with no kids coming in we aren't selling any dinners. I've already had to lay off woodwork teachers, and more will have to go next week."

PUPILS

Mr. Alderson concedes that St. Oswald's suffers unique problems as a result of the unusual religious mix of pupils. "We are currently talking to the examination

boards to see if they can do any exams on elephants or whales, instead of little things - like insects, or bees legs - which seem to be at the heart of the problem."

RETINA

Osset has the highest population of Jehovah's Witnesses of any town in Britain, with the exception of Grimsby. In Osset 8 out of every 10% - more than 1 in 5 per head of the population - currently over 60,000 - are Jehovah's Witnesses. Only Swindon has more, with 10 for every person below the age of 30.

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- Newspapers
- Christmas trees
- Philips screws, coach bolts and ironmongery
- Strimmers, Fly-mos, and Black & Decker Workmates
- The Loch Ness Monster
- Ghosts

Jehovah's Witnesses are now number three in the world's top ten religions, with over 120 billion members in over 6,000 countries. Well known

members include Prime Minister John Major, society hostess Cynthia Payne, footballer Paul Gascoigne and Geordie pop comedian Vic Reeves.

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WINDS OF CHANGE

Blow me! We'd all better hang on to our hats if the latest forecasts from Britain's weather chiefs are to be believed.

For according to experts, by the year 2000, terrifying tornado force winds gusting at speeds of up to 1,000 miles per hour will turn the nation's streets into a no-go area for pedestrians.

WATCHDOGS

Met office forecasters fear that recent trends towards windier weather are set to continue. And Government weather watchdogs, aware of dramatic changes in our climate, have commissioned a comprehensive report on the problem from top boffins at Reading University's Department of Wind. And the 200 page report makes grim reading for people planning to go outdoors in the year 2000.

COOK REPORTS

For it predicts that continual high winds will bring about dramatic changes in the way we live our lives.

GONE will be high rise buildings. In their place, low, rounded, wind cheating, 'Smartie' shaped structures will spring up in their thousands.

GONE will be the cars of today. The 'windmobile' of the future will be powered by sails, and instead of wheels it will have big rubber suckers to hold it to the ground.

And **GONE** will be the extravagant fashions of today. Wind-proof clothing specialists will replace fashion boutiques on Britain's gale battered High Streets. Shoes will be heavy, like diving boots, with electro magnetic soles to anchor the wearer down to special metal pavements of the future. And skirts will fall victim to the wind. Instead ladies' legs will be completely covered in tight fitting silver 'Alcan' foil wrap trousers.

THAT'S LIVES

But it's not all bad news for fellas. These new wind resistant pants will have see-through bottoms.

1000 mph gales lash Britain in year 2000

Traffic jams will be replaced by massive queues in the clouds, as thousands of commuters sail to work - on kites.

PROPELLERS

And satellite dishes on the side of houses will be replaced by windmill style propellers, as greedy home owners cash in on the high winds to provide their own free electricity. Wind speeds exceeding 10,000 miles an hour will provide home owners with 25,000 volts per amp of power - enough electricity to boil a kettle the size of Wembley Stadium - every three seconds.

COCKPITS

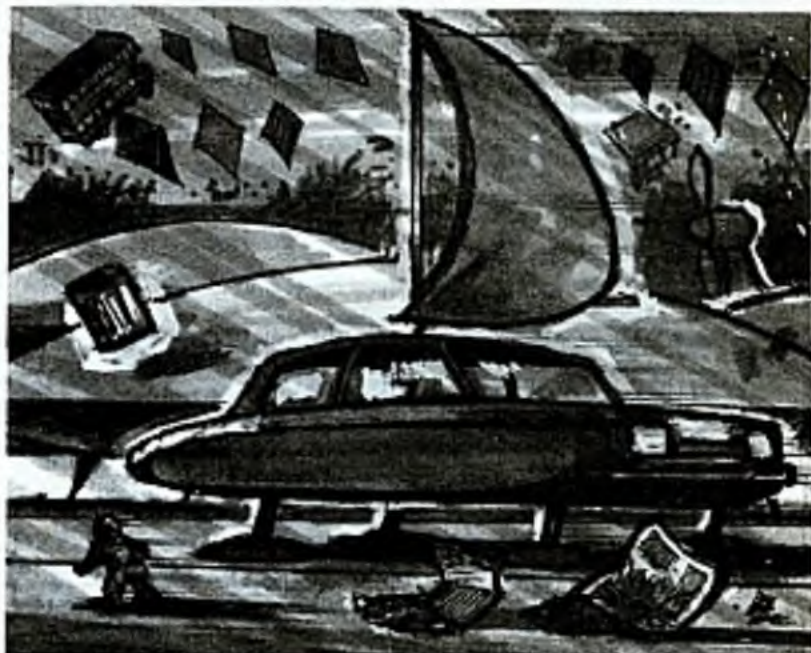
In the field of sport, world records will be shattered. For example, in the long jump school children will be able to leap 300 yards with ease - more than ten times the present world best. But sports lessons will have to be cancelled, as with their next jump the wind could change and they could be thrown up to a quarter of a mile backwards, through a window or onto a busy main road.

WINGS

Outdoor pop concerts would be impossible, for thousands of Genesis, Dire Straits and Tina Turner fans would be blown away, quite literally. And the noise of a concert being held in Wembley Stadium would wake people up - in Australia.

BEATLES

Structural damage caused by high winds will create scenes reminiscent of the Blitz. Insurance claims for



An artist's impression of wind swept Britain in the year 2000.

storm damaged property are already up by 200 per cent on previous figures. But according to the experts, by the year 2000, buildings will collapse like matchwood models, and catch fire spontaneously. Buses and trains will be tossed around like litter, and Britain's streets will be up to ten feet deep in dead bodies. Meanwhile, tidal waves the size of Mount Everest will obliterate our coastline, reducing our island to a blood-soaked paddy field of death.

MONKEES

Plans are already afoot to protect the Royal Family from changes in the weather. By the year 2000 they will have moved into a new, specially designed 'wind sausage' shaped palace. The

new silver, sausage shaped building will swivel on an axis ensuring that it always faces into the wind. And should the weather worsen, the building will turn into a rocket to fly the Royals safely to Mars.

BANANA SPLITS

But the most shocking conclusion arrived at by Government experts is that by the year 2000 humans may no longer rule the world! Man could be forced to take a back seat as evolutionary forces change the face of the planet. Man will have shrunk to a mere 8 inches tall, and could be playing second fiddle to tortoises, which - unaffected by wind due to their streamlined shell - will rule the world.



The new 'sausage shaped' Royal palace of the future nearing completion yesterday.

FEARS OF THE BLUE PETER STARS



We asked a few former Blue Peter presenters to use their knowledge of Blue Peter tortoises and other things to predict what life would be like in the year 2000 if Britain was extremely windy, and ruled by tortoises.



Tennis fan and one-time 'Money Programme' presenter **VALERIE SINGLETON** admitted that she would not be prepared for windy weather.

"I've always hung my washing out on the line, and in high winds that would be virtually impossible", she told us. "A moderate wind would be fine", she added "as that would speed up the drying process."



The late great Ted Moul's Everest double glazing understudy, dog owner and seventies Junior TV stunt king **JOHN 'get down shep' NOAKES** said that windy weather would be a disaster for him. "I enjoy sailing my yacht around the Mediterranean, and windy weather is bad news for sailors. I'd have to put in to port, and

hope that the tortoise harbour authorities allowed me in", he predicted.



CURRIE - 'Be-spectacled'



ELLIS - 'Pretty'



FREDA - 'Tortoise'

Be-spectacled grin-a-lot former 'Junior Showtime' star **MARK CURRIE** was able to smile, despite our gloomy forecast. "With a name like Currie, I reckon I already know a bit about wind", he quipped light heartedly.

Pretty pregnancy scandal presenter **JANET ELLIS** seemed unsurprised by our horrific weather predictions. "I have noticed it getting a bit windier recently", she remarked. "Perhaps it's something to do with the ozone layer, or Chernobyl", she added speculatively.

Tailors Shop Joke



QUEEN MUM'S THE WORD

By our
Palace
Correspondent

Buckingham Palace officials are today expected to strongly deny rumours that the Queen Mother is to be bundled off into an old people's home.

The rumours came after a woman in Bournemouth reported that the Queen and Prince Phillip had visited her residential care home on the seafront and inspected the facilities.

STAFF

The Royal couple, who used a false name for their visit, were told that the Queen Mum would be one of 32 old folks resident at the home. Staff there would cater for her every need, and her room, which she would share with one other guest, would have a TV, running water and tea making facilities.

TAYLER

According to the home's owner, who preferred not to be named, the Queen and Prince Phillip appeared to be impressed by what they saw. Although the Queen Mother was never mentioned by name, Prince Phillip allegedly referred to "the mother-in-law" on several occasions during the visit, and the couple paid particular attention to the dining room and kitchen facilities.

McGOWAN

"They seemed most anxious that the food was up to scratch", the owner, a woman in her forties, told us. "They said that she'd had trouble in the past with fishbones."

ZETA-JONES

The Queen could expect to pay something between £300 and £500 a week to have her mother put away in a council approved home, a considerable financial commitment even for someone of her means. But the advantages would be obvious. Now in her nineties, the

EXCLUSIVE

Queen Mum is believed to talk about nothing but the war, and requires constant attention from Palace staff. Having her put away would relieve a great strain from the already overworked Royal family.



The pressure of living under a shared roof are well known to thousands of families throughout Britain.

ALPHA-SMITH

As one expert put it "It can be a real pain in the arse having some delapidated in-law rambling away in the corner of the room while you're trying to watch something on the telly". As a result every year in Britain over 800,000 senior citizens are put out to pasture, costing the tax payer an incredible £25 billion in social security hand outs.

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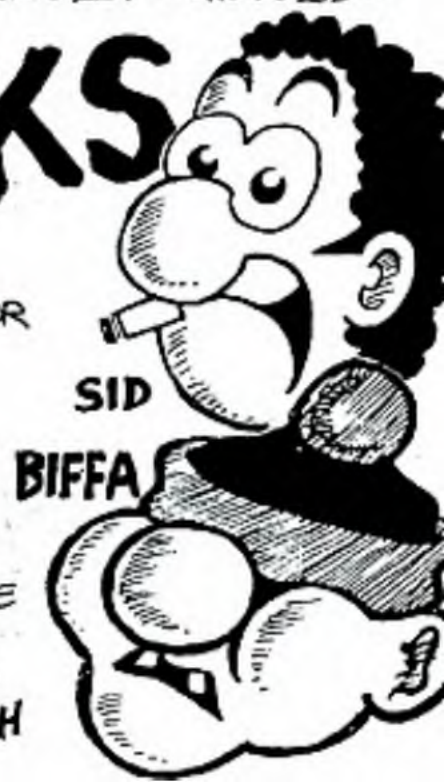
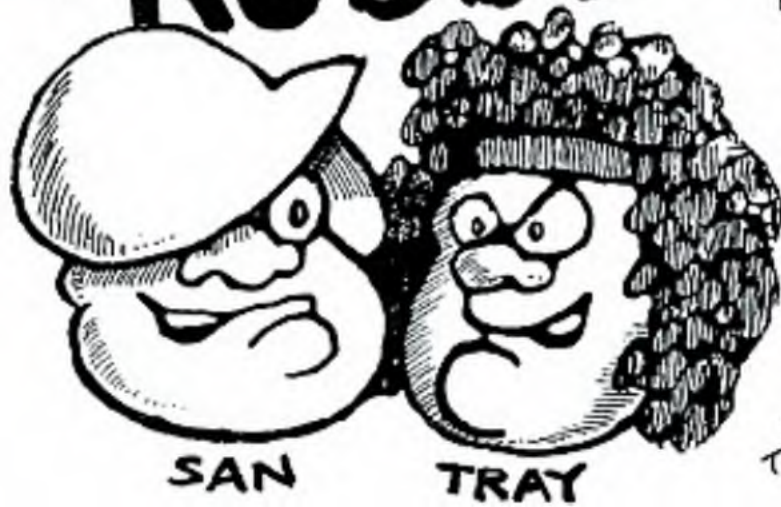
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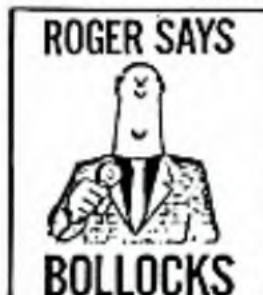
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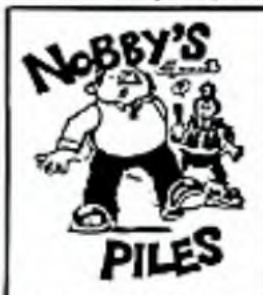
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